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Dear Leon:

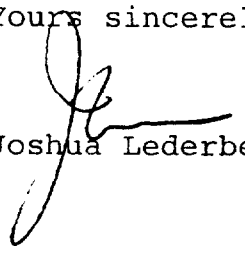
I'm glad to respond to your letter of April 2nd asking about Dr. Barbara Bachmann.

For many years Barbara has been doing immeasurable service to the community of microbial genetics in her management of our institutional memory and insight for the genetic structure of *E. coli*. This is reflected in her published works on the linkage map; what is less visible is the extraordinary effort and judgement required to tease out the details of pedigree information on the one hand, and the evidentiary base for piecing together segments of the genome on the other. Not to mention her curation of the stocks.

I think we are very fortunate indeed to have a person of her energy, insight, skill and devotion providing this service to the community. It has been absolutely invaluable to the rapid progress of the field at a scientific level; and now ever more in its technological applications.

This is not an ordinary role to be found in the usual career ladder and I congratulate Yale University for having found a way to accommodate Dr. Bachmann in performing this extraordinary service. I have no reservations about her qualifying for the rank of senior research scientist, and believe that you would be hard put to find anyone who could duplicate what she does for all of us in her long standing role.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg